

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Municipalities (AS 37.05.315)****Grant Recipient: Yakutat****Project Title:**

Yakutat - Streetlights and Electrical Upgrade Preliminary Planning

State Funding Requested: \$ 85,000**House District: 5 - C**

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

The streetlights and electrical grid in Yakutat need to be upgraded and repaired. The funding will allow for preliminary planning for this major project.

Funding Plan:**Total Cost of Project: \$85,000**Funding Secured

Amount FY

Other Pending Requests

Amount FY

Anticipated Future Need

Amount FY

There is no other funding needed

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

The Borough is working with Yakutat Power on this project. The streetlights in the Borough need to be repaired and replaced and the electrical grid needs to be upgraded.

The installation of streetlights is necessary along a certain State maintained and State owned section of Mallott Avenue. There are no sidewalks or even footpaths along this very busy, paved highway. It links the majority of the community with the post office, several major housing complexes and the school. It is used by school children during the dark winter months and they are forced to walk in the winter dark where they are frequently forced against guardrails to avoid traffic.

This project is necessary for the health and safety of the entire community. At this point it is only a matter of time before someone gets hurt due to inadequate lighting.

The funding requested will allow for adequate planning and budgeting for this very important project.

Project Timeline:

Funding will be secured in the summer of 2008 with planning beginning immediately.

Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:

City and Borough of Yakutat

Grant Recipient Contact Information:

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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? ☒ Yes ☐ No

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projects will likely be met with the deferred maintenance funds received from the state for assuming ownership of the harbor. We have a report from PND Engineering identifying a potential expansion for the boat harbor that needs to be reviewed and phased. The \$500,000.00 of state funding is still available but needs to be allocated soon or it will revert back to the State. We are looking into the cost of poly coated floats and treated lumber to begin (if necessary to save funding) a rebuild of the present structure. Lots at and around the boat harbor are under study by P&Z with the idea of setting covenants on their future disposal that would guarantee their use for harbor related functions. These properties also could be used toward in-kind development grants in a phased harbor expansion plan. Legislative funding is necessary to realize planning, construction and maintenance goals.

We are in danger of being unable to finance the deductive alternatives listed in our original EDA grant for the fuel dock. The gravel conveyor system and cruise ship dock are vital parts of our future development planning. Currently, even with the dock's relocation, we have the funding necessary to build the dock itself but not to meet the desired economic benefits of the entire project. Direct legislative and federal appropriations are probably our best hope for completing the project as envisioned.

Eighty-two percent (82%) of the respondents to the Yakutat Opinions Survey support the construction of public restrooms at the small boat harbor (and Sandy Beach). Seventy-two percent (72%) of the respondents support the installation of a boat haul-out with a lift at the small boat harbor.

Priority 3 Transportation Projects

1. Street Pavement

- a. Pave 11.45 miles of Borough Roads:

Estimated cost: \$3,000,000

Note: Street Pavement: We are working with the Tribe to present a coordinated request to the Tribe's federal funding source for road paving. At this time, success hinges on the recognition of health issues associated with dust in subdivisions. It appears, at this time, that the Borough and the Tribe must put forth a joint resolution identifying and agreeing to priorities. Resolutions in the past have offered varying priorities that have hurt the funding effort. A new joint resolution is being developed and will be presented for consideration. We will need supplemental State funding to make this project happen.

2. Streetlights and Citywide electrical Upgrade Preliminary Planning:

Estimated cost: \$85,000

Note: Streetlights and Citywide electrical Upgrade Preliminary Planning: The Borough is working with Yakutat Power on this project. The power company was at one time seeking funding in the form of a bond to do the project.

Priority 4 Borough Services Facilities

1. Multi Purpose Building

- a. Construct a new city hall building to include cultural center, museum, and visitor information center

Estimated cost: \$1,500,000

Kaci Schroeder

From: sryman@yakutatak.us
Sent: Thursday, March 20, 2008 11:25 AM
To: Kaci Schroeder
Subject: Streetlights

Kaci,

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